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Reaching new heights



photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Gene Duremdes, a doctor from West Virginia, descends on a rocky trail after crossing the snowy Chola Pass in the Khumbu Valley of Nepal, Oct. 19, as part of a 21-day journey through the Himalayan mountain range.

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Post office shipping deadlines approach

by Sgt. Raymie G. Cruz
Torii Teller Staff

The postal staff recommends that any packages being shipped to the United States, be mailed by Dec. 11, to make their destination in time for Christmas.

That is the last date for Priority mail, but Express mail can be sent up to Dec. 18.

Although the second deadline may give residents more time to prepare gifts and get more shopping done, there are some pros and cons to using Express mail.

This Christmas will fall on a Monday, so regular deliveries will be made until Dec. 23, but Express mail will still be delivered on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Express runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year.

"Everything we get will fly back to the United States regardless," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mark Waverek, station postal officer-in-charge. "There is no real difference on how long it will take a package to get to a certain part of the United States, because all packages are sent on flights directly to each region. This way, there is no delay from them arriving at one location when entering the United States."

For example, a 25-pound box sent Priority mail, will cost \$18 to go to the West Coast, \$25 to go to the Midwest and \$34 to go to the East Coast. When using Express mail, it will cost \$53, no matter what region of the United States the package is being sent to.

It takes roughly one week, for Priority mail to reach its destination, but residents should expect a delay in the process, due to the holiday season residents should expect about a 10-day delivery.

Another advantage of Express delivery is that Express mail is automatically insured for up to \$500 and is traceable on the Internet. If the package doesn't get to its destination within three days, the mailer gets a full refund.

Items should be properly packaged to avoid the recipient from receiving damaged goods. Selecting the proper box for shipping items can prevent them from being damaged.

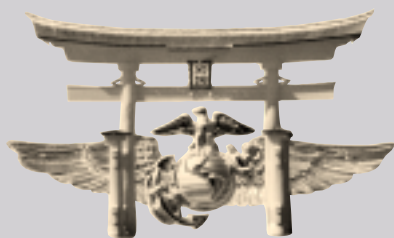
"We have packaging pointers in the lobby to help customers," Waverek said. "Not to mention, anyone in the staff would be more than happy to assist those having a rough time."

Fragile items should be placed in a primary container, placed into a secondary container with equal cushion all around the item.

According to Waverek, consolidated gift pack

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Marine Corps vision statement

America and her Marines together stand at the threshold of a challenging new age. We have seen glimpses of it already: growing international interdependency, near routine crisis and conflict, and increased demands for U. S. intervention.

Evaluating the Corps in the context of this changed environment was the focus of nearly a quarter of our general officers, who comprised the general officer futures group. Beginning in February, the group met monthly to carefully examine our Corps from the ground up with an eye on future requirements.

The entire general officer community then validated the results of that lengthy endeavor at September's General Officer Symposium and at the recent Executive Off-site.

Central to the GOFG efforts was composition of a vision statement, quoted below. Rooted in our traditions, yet reflective of emerging requirements, the vision articulates in fundamental terms "who" we are, "what" we will be, and most importantly, "how" we will achieve our desired end state.

The statement serves a number of purposes. It is a unifying articulation of strategic challenges, opportunities, and priorities; a general guide for modernization, and a durable and flexible expression of our view of tomorrow. Many who read it will observe, correctly, that the vision prescribes no radical change or mandate for wholesale transformation – with good reason.

The GOFG concluded that the Corps requires

only marginal adjustments to successfully adapt. We do, in fact, have it right. Our day-in, day-out commitment to innovation and experimentation and willingness to embrace change has ensured our continued viability.

Consequently, we are not compelled to reinvent ourselves. What we do require is a well-planned, purposeful campaign to synchronize our efforts to improve our capabilities. The vision's carefully chosen words will serve as a lens to focus those activities and lead ultimately to a dramatically more capable Corps.

The next step toward realization of the vision – a Corps of enhanced strategic agility, operational reach, and tactical flexibility – will be the publication of a service strategy establishing critical goals and aims.

That document will be followed by an overarching operational concept that will clearly describe the manner in which we will conduct operation in the future. These documents will touch every aspect of our institution and will be reflected in our doctrine, structure, training and education, and acquisition programs.

Due to the foresight of our predecessors and your dedicated efforts, the Corps is poised to confront the great challenges of the 21st century. This vision will guide us and ensure that we fulfill our mandate from the American people to remain

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Corps News

Sailors soon to wear marker of Corps service

by *Cpl. Jose A. Figueroa*
Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton

In February 2001, Sailors serving with Marine units here will begin the process of qualifying for the Fleet Marine Force Warfare Device.

The new device was approved by the Vice Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandant of the Marine Corps for wear by Sailors assigned to the FMF.

Like the Surface, Aviation, Submarine and Seabee Warfare device, it will serve as a designator for members of a unique community in the Navy.

Warfare programs are a distinct part of Navy culture and the device serves as a reminder of Navy personnel being tied to Marine forces.

"When you look at a Sailor's uniform you can tell what community they have had dealings with," said Command Master Chief Robert Elliot, 1st Force Service Support Group. "Right now, you couldn't tell by looking at a Sailor that he works with Marines."

As of this moment, Sailors receive an FMF ribbon marking a successful tour with Marines.

In order to qualify for the new device, Sailors must be serving with Marines in a type 2 (with Marines) or type 4 (overseas with Marines)

capacity. In the Navy, Sailors serving with Marine units are considered as being on a sea duty status. The reason being is that most Marine units deploy.

Upon meeting the criteria for qualification, Sailors must complete rigorous training in a core regimen consisting of basic Marine battle skills as well as Navy and Marine Corps history, customs and courtesies. Also, based on the particular Marine unit a Sailor is supporting they have to complete prescribed standards for that unit.

For corpsmen already serving with Marines, the device would serve as a means "to earn the title Devil-Doc," said Command Master Chief Mario Surla, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

"We try to ingrain the (Marine) division mentality or to think like an infantryman into the minds of Sailors at the Field Medical Service Schools," Surla said.

However, religious program specialists, dental technicians and select members in the aviation community will also be eligible for the device.

"Out of 23,000 Sailors serving as corpsmen, religious program specialists and dental technicians, 13,000 are in direct or indirect support of Marines," said Elliot. "Sailors in these fields support the Marines more than they do the Navy."

"Seven-thousand of those are actually in

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Station weather receives radar

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

The forecasters at the station weather office received their first Doppler Radar System Monday to help them create a more accurate weather forecast for the air station community.

The radar system will provide forecasters with instantaneous up to date weather, wind speed, velocity and direction information.

"The best thing about this is it gives us real time data," said Gunnery Sgt. Darrin Miller, station weather forecaster. "We were relying on Japanese radar which we only received products once an hour."

The Doppler radar dish is housed within a large white ball and sits atop

a 70-foot tower next to base operations.

According to Miller, forecasters have been waiting for the Doppler for more than a year. The radar will not take any more manpower than is already used to forecast the weather and will change their forecasting abilities.

"It will make our job easier and make our forecasts more accurate," Miller said. "If a thunderstorm or typhoon was developing, we would have to wait an hour to see how it's developing. With this we can see what's happening every second."

With the Doppler, thunderstorm warnings can be given 45 minutes to an hour before it hits, rather than five minutes before.

Station aircraft will also benefit from the system by having a better idea of what is going on in the sky.

"The pilots appreciate its abilities and how it's going to help them," said Adrien Massey, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni electronics maintenance officer.

The new system will allow pilots to gather up-to-date information on thunderstorms as they are forming.

"If we fly through a thunderstorm with an aircraft, it could damage it," said Capt. Kevin Paetzold, VMFA-212 pilot. "This will tell us where thunderstorm cells are, and pinpoint them more accurately than before."

The Doppler brings the air station's weather technology up to speed with other large civilian and military airfields around the world.

"Most big civilian airports, like Tokyo, have Doppler," said Miller. "This is the only thing we were lacking in our weather system, and now we have it."



photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

The Doppler Radar System gives MCAS Iwakuni the a better advantage when preparing for upcoming weather conditions.

Abandoned bikes rounded up

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson
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The Provost Martial's Office has been collecting abandoned and unlocked bicycles Tuesday through Friday from station bike racks.

"The reason behind the roundup is to eliminate abandoned bicycles that are now an eyesore, especially at the barracks," said Cpl. Seth Urbanski, impound noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "When Marines buy new bikes, they don't have a place to put them if old bikes are taking up the spaces."

According to Urbanski, bikes being removed are often left by people who rotate to another duty station.

The supervisors of each barracks, or housing area will set aside bicycles that need to be taken away. Only unlocked bikes will be taken unless the bike is obviously abandoned.

Bikes were collected from barracks 314, 318

and 330 Tuesday. Bikes at MAG, MALS, and unit deployment program were collected Wednesday, and those at housing areas and officer's quarters were collected Thursday and today.

Once collected the bikes will be taken to the Provost Martial Office impound lot, where they will stay for 120 days.

If a bike belonging to someone is collected, they can still retrieve it from PMO.

"The only way to get it back is to have proof of ownership," Urbanski said. "Once it's in the impound lot they need a serial number on a sheet of paper proving it's theirs."

A receipt or some other paperwork from the bike is also acceptable to prove ownership.

After the 120-day grace period expires, the bikes will be turned over to the defense re-utilization marketing office to be disposed of.

According to Urbanski, some of the bikes, depending on condition, will be given to Marines on the unit deployment program to use while on their six-month deployment in Iwakuni.



photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Empty spaces are all that are left after broken down and abandoned bikes were removed.

News Briefs

AFN Schedule change

Beginning Monday, there will be American Forces Network Iwakuni radio programming changes. "The Morning Air Strike," will begin airing from 6 to 10 a.m., and the daily afternoon radio program, "The Afterburner" will air from 2 to 6 p.m.

MSG Screening

The Marine Security Guard screening team is scheduled to visit the air station Monday, to meet with potential candidates. All those interested in finding out if they are eligible are encouraged to attend. For more information contact your unit career planner.

MMEA Visit

The Headquarters Enlisted Assignment Branch (MMEA) will visit MCAS Iwakuni Dec. 11. Briefings will be provided to help Marines acquire a basic knowledge and understanding of the functions and assets available at HQMC. It will also cover command, career and first term briefs to assist Marines with their future career options.

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The Torii Teller will not be published Dec. 22 and 29, due to the Holiday season. The first paper after the new year will be published Jan. 5.

LINKS helps spouses adjust to military life

by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare
Torii Teller Staff

The Lifestyle-Insights-Networking-Knowledge-Skills program is helping Marine Corps spouses adjust to the military lifestyle.

The 12-hour LINKS program helps new military spouses learn what to expect from the Marine Corps, understand its mission and history, make new friends and develop skills to successfully meet the challenges ahead.

"It's like a boot camp for spouses," said Kathy Schaffer, Marine Corps Family Team Building Officers' assistant. "We want to help them as much as we can."

The program, sponsored by the MCFTB, also helps spouses understand such things as base-wide services, financial issues, communication and healthy interaction with others.

By attending LINKS, spouses also learn to network with others who have already been through what they are facing.

"The program is taught by mentors," said Schaffer. "These mentors share their own experiences, to help spouses understand what obstacles

may lie ahead, and how to overcome them."

According to Schaffer, there are 12 open spaces in a LINKS session. By the time the program is over, each spouse walks out with 11 new friends and a good feeling of knowing they have people they can depend on.

Recently the program has moved into a permanent location at the air station Chapel Annex. The office spaces were donated to the program and will be the location for all future LINKS sessions.

"It is important that the community has a place to come and take part in this important program," said Col. Richard Dunn, station commanding officer. "We appreciate the support from everyone in helping us move in here, it was a great team Iwakuni effort."

According to Schaffer, all spouses are invited to attend the LINKS program. It is also available to USMC civilian employees and other service spouses.

"I highly recommend this program to all new spouses who have questions about the military and what they can expect," said Schaffer. "We are here to help in any way we can."



photo by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare

Janice Wilkins, LINKS team leader and Col. Richard Dunn, station commanding officer, cut a ribbon, to celebrate the opening of the new LINKS office at the Chapel Annex.

School Age Program helps parents and children

by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare
Torii Teller Staff

A new program at the Youth Center is meeting the needs of parents, while providing children with a healthy environment.

The School Age Care program is designed to compliment the regular school day and promote the social, emotional and physical potential of the child enrolled.

"We offer many activities for children to participate in," said Oral Arrington, youth activities program supervisor. "We offer arts and crafts, games, sports and even help the children with homework."

The SAC program offers child-

care services for children age six through 12 or enrolled in kindergarten through sixth grades, during duty hours.

It's designed to meet the needs of the community, while promoting family values and encouraging individual and group activities.

"This program really takes care of the children," said Arrington. "It takes the stress away from parents knowing that their children are being taken care of."

Parents, who are unable to take time from work to sign their child in or out of the center, now have several options available to them.

By enrolling a child in the SAC program, parents may drop off their children as early as 7 a.m.

Youth center personnel will personally escort the child too and from school.

For parents who require care in the afternoon only, a consent form can be signed, permitting the Youth Center staff to pick up the child after school.

Another option is to start a "parent pool." This allows a parental representative to sign a child in and out of the center.

Representatives must be at least 16 years old and listed on the child's registration form.

According to Arrington, parents may sign each others children out of the center, without all the parents needing to be present. This is very convenient for parents who are un-

able to take the time off of work.

"There is no doubt about it," said Arrington. "The program is a great benefit to both the parents and their children."

Fees for the SAC program are determined by the Assistant Secretary of Defense and cover the Non-Appropriated direct costs required to operate the program.

Parents are charged according to their total family income and all fees are based on weekly usage rather than hourly care provided. All costs should be paid the week prior to child-care service.

For more information about the program, contact the Youth Center at 253-4769.

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ages are also a good idea during Christmas.

"As long as each gift does not exceed \$100 and are individually wrapped and named, you can pack as many gifts inside the box regardless of the total value, as a bona fide gift" Waverek said. "Also place a 2976 form from the post office inside of the box. The form is like an inventory of what is packed inside."

Although bona fide gifts may seem to be the easiest way to go, only one box can be sent as this type.

All other packages will be subject to customs

inspections as well as gifts exceeding \$100.

Another tip is to ensure the address is inside of the box also, in case the external address falls off during shipping.

When taping a package, customers should remember that most types of tape may be used with a few exceptions, to include masking tape and Scotch tape.

Packages with external wrapping paper cannot be sent, because the wrapping paper is weak and can fall off, taking the address with it.

Average transit for incoming priority mail is five to seven days and standard mail is 30 to 45 days.

The difference in the time is because Priority mail is shipped by air and standard mail is shipped on the surface, meaning by ship or motor vehicle.

On Christmas Eve, the North and Southside post offices will conduct operation Santa Claus. The operation will allow residents to get their mail after normal working hours. Post office personnel will deliver mail from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The post office will also be accepting volunteer help beginning Dec. 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 10 p.m. to midnight.

For more information contact the Southside Post Office at 253-6322.

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the nation's premier total force in readiness.

The vision statement of the U.S. Marine Corps is quoted as follows:

"As the premier expeditionary 'total force in readiness,' the Marine Corps will be tailored to answer the nation's call, at home or abroad.

Opportunities and challenges in the world's littoral regions will increase America's reliance on the continuous forward presence and

sustainable maritime power projection of naval expeditionary forces. Those forces will promote national interests, influence vital regions, and fight and win the nation's battles.

The Marine Corps will enhance its strategic agility, operational reach, and tactical flexibility to enable joint, allied, and coalition operations and interagency coordination. These capabilities will provide the geographic combatant commanders with scalable, interoperable, combined-arms Marine Air-Ground Task Forces to

shape the international environment, respond quickly to the complex spectrum of crises and conflicts, and gain access or prosecute forcible entry operations.

Fundamental to this vision, we will:

- Make America's Marines to win the nation's battles and create quality citizens.
- Optimize the corps' operating forces, support and sustainment base, and unique capabilities.
- Sustain our enduring relationship with the U.S. Navy.

- Reinforce our strategic partnerships with our sister services.
- Contribute to the development of joint, allied, coalition, and interagency capabilities.
- Capitalize on innovation, experimentation, and technology.

As we have since 1775, the Marine Corps will stand ready to promote peace and stability and to defeat our nation's foes."

Semper Fidelis,

/s/ James L. Jones

Commandant of the Marine Corps

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Marine units," Elliot said.

"Sailors who enter the Navy, don't expect to serve with Marines," said Surla.

"When they do, they end up enjoying it and want to continue serving with Marines," said Senior Chief Kelvin Carter, senior enlisted advisor, MEF Headquarters Group. "I've served with Marines most of my career and I love it."

Although the Sailor's primary job is to save lives, the qualification would ensure that the Sailor is proficient in necessary combat skills, if needed.

"If a Marine was down in combat the sailor could provide the support needed and take the Marine's place," Surla said. "Kind of like a Sailor-Marine."

After receiving the device, Sailors must qualify annually to keep the designation of being warfare qualified.

The device is optional for E-4's and below, but it is a mandatory requirement for E-5's and above. Should an individual in the respective

rank not pursue or obtain the qualification the individual may not be eligible for promotion.

After more than 20 years of gathering support for the device a design was finally selected in April 1999. With the Eagle, Globe and Anchor being a significant centerpiece of



the design stands as a clear statement that the wearer is a Marine Corps teammate.

At the time the device was designed, the vision for the Navy-Marine Team was "Forward... From the Sea." This philosophy is represented by a surface wave crashing on the sandy beach, literally where the Sailor serves alongside Marines as they earned their reputa-

tion "on the shores of Tripoli," and the "Sands of Iwo Jima." The coastal regions of the world are also where the Navy and Marine Corps will exert American interests in future conflicts, as reflected by the doctrine at the time, "Operational Maneuver from the Sea."

The crossed rifles in the device symbolize the "rifleman ethic," the program is designed to instill into FMF Sailors. Knowledge and skills inherent to the rifleman is essential to FMF Sailors if the unit is to survive in combat.

The term Fleet Marine Force is utilized to remind wearers of the role of the Navy as a Naval Type commander and the operational environment in which Marines deploy.

"The program will bring the Navy-Marine Team even closer," said Carter. "Essentially, the Sailor will be a jack-of-all-trades, so to speak."

"It will bring more recognition, by the rest of the Navy, to Sailors assigned to the Marines," said Elliot. "Most Navy personnel don't even know there are Sailors with the Marines or even what our function is."

Suck it up

RIGHT: Private First Class Jason Wiggins, training clerk, looks for a "thumbs up," from the Marines after they obtained an airtight seal with their field protective mask. More than 150 Marines from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron took part in Nuclear, Biological, Chemical defense training Wednesday.

BELOW: "CS" gas tablets are burned prior to and during the training evolution.



photo by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare

Marine takes on Himal

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

It's an unforgiving place where failure means death, but for a Marine with an adventurous nature, a spirit of determination, the Himalaya proved to be a worthy adversary.

Until now, the journey had always been a far off dream, but anything is possible when a Marine puts his mind to it.

Growing up in the mountains of New England, combined with an adventurous nature and the drive to do what some only dream, was more than enough reason to take on the largest mountains in the world...the Himalayas.

After a year of planning, and \$7,000 worth of equipment, plane tickets and guides, I stepped off the plane in Nepal and made the transition from my world into an experience that would change my life forever.

Like the strangers on the "Survivor" series,

a group of 15 members were placed together by fate. Although each member was from the United States, it was each one's destiny to meet in this simple country. Together we would journey for a month in this adventure.

We boarded a twin-prop Otter for the most dangerous airfield in the world. Nestled on the side of a mountain, the airfield town of Lukla is the only way in and out of the Himalayas, where there is no such thing as an averted landing.

The trek itself would last 21 days and take us across more than 70 miles of rugged mountains to our goal of reaching the Everest base camp and making it back to tell the tale.

Fortunately we landed safely, and met our guides and porters near the airstrip. We put on our daypacks, tightened our boots and stepped off.

At the start of the trail, I looked up to see a dirty trekker laughing at me, and

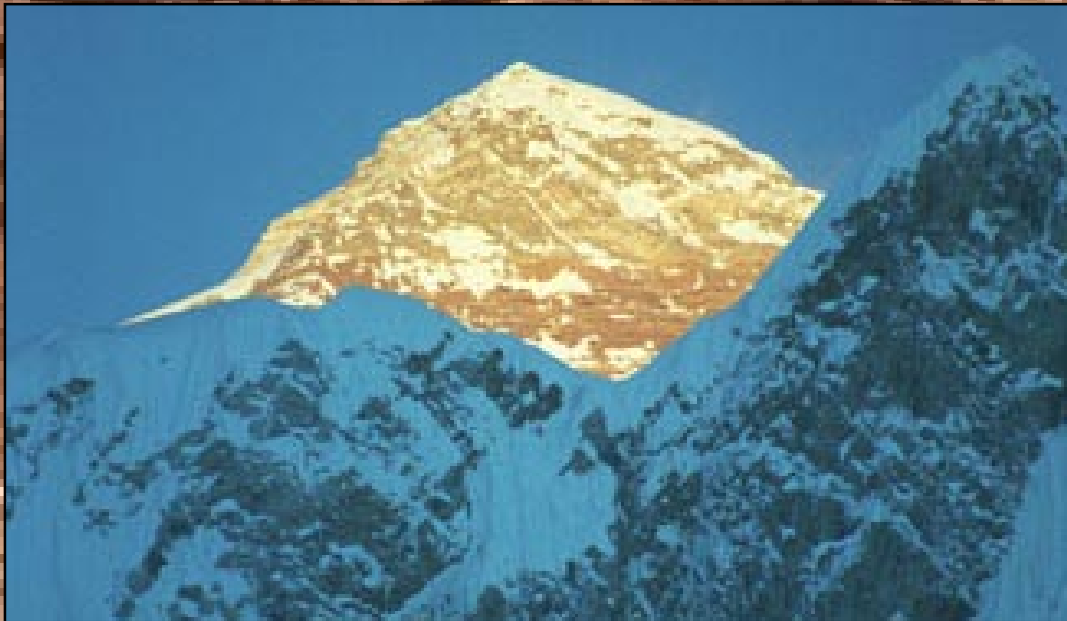
he said "You must be new, you're still clean." Little did I know that 21 days later, my group would be saying the same thing.

It wasn't until the third day of our journey that we got our first glimpse of the white-capped mountains that defy the clouds.

Over the next week, we visited many small towns and monasteries, all the while gaining



Namche Bazar comes to life as the morning sun illuminates the traditional colorfully painted buildings. It is the largest town in the region and is a center for trade and tourism.



Mount Everest glows like a gold nugget long after all the surrounding mountains have been bathed in darkness for the night. Everest is the last to see the sun set as it stands almost two miles above the rest.



Tibetan traders cross the Nepalese mountainous border with yaks loaded with a variety of goods to sell and barter in the Namche Bazar.

alayan peaks

itude on the rocky terrain of the mountains, where we left behind any trace of civilization.

On the way up, we traded our porters for yaks. The yak, not the cleanliest of beasts, serves as the off-road supply wagon in the high regions of the country.

As we crossed 15,000 feet, the tempo and mood of the trip changed. We realized our true struggle had begun.

Entering the Everest region, we had our first chance to conquer the more than 17,000-foot summit of a mountain.

Only two of us made it up on the first day with the aid of a sherpa, a local guide. The following day the rest of the group made it to the summit, and enjoyed views of Nepal, Tibet and Mount Everest.

These were the coldest days of the trek, with the temperature dropping below freezing during the night.

The next few days would be the hardest for me in the group, as we crossed a glacier and climbed the Chola Pass.

The trail joined with the main trail on the other side, leading us to the summit.

With frozen feet, burning lungs and muscles aching for oxygen, we made the hikes to the Everest base camp and Kala Pattar.

It took all of our strength and for some more than they thought they had. Finally, the fear of freezing to death and not reaching personal goals had passed. Only half of the group made the summit of Kala Pattar, the other half fell short.

During our journey, we met another expedition who had met tragedy in the mountains.

They were forced to return home without three of their fellow climbers, when tragedy struck, causing them to be encased in an icy tomb for all eternity, due to avalanche.

Some choose to take chances in life, and the greater the chance it is, often the greater the reward, but in some cases the individuals pay the ultimate price.

With the Everest base camp out of the way and a successful summit of close to 19,000 feet, we headed back toward Lukla, feeling a sense of accomplishment.

By this point, the entire group had an understanding of what the Himalayas were. They are a beautiful, but an unforgiving place where a life can be taken at any given point and time.

At the beginning we were individuals, but by the end of the trail we were members of a unique society. A society born under extreme measures, that only those who have experienced what we had accomplished could understand the magnitude of it and be a part of.

Based on the experiences during my trip, I realize that some chances, despite the risk, are worth taking in life. The end result can be amazing.

Upon my return, those who dared not venture into the mountains asked me, "why go to the Himalayas?" It was Sir Edmond Hillary, the first man to summit Mount Everest, who answered the question, "Because it was there."



photos by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Tenzing Phinjo Sherpa stands atop the Chola Pass thawing in the warm morning sun. Reaching Chola on Oct. 19, was the half way point of the 21-day trip which began Oct. 9, in Kathmandu.



The group begins the cold four-hour hike to Everest base camp at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 21. Despite all the warm and protective clothing, cold air and wind quickly turns feet and hands to cumbersome blocks of ice.

AFN TV Channel 11

Friday			
12:35	ESPNNews	10:30	Saturday Night Live (TV-14)
1:05	Movies ‘til Dawn: Mommie Dearest (TV-PG)	Sunday	
3:25	Movies ‘til Dawn: War Of The Worlds (TV-PG)	12:00	It’s Showtime at the Apollo (TV-PG)
5:00	Headline News	1:00	Friday Night (TV-14)
5:30	ESPNNews	2:00	NCAA Football (CBS) Army vs Navy
6:00	Today	5:30	Hour of Power
8:00	Today II	6:00	Celebration of Victory
9:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	6:30	Precepts for Life
10:00	Teletubbies (TV-Y)	7:00	Christopher Closeup
10:30	Wheel Of Fortune	7:30	1-Cubed
11:00	Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	8:00	CNN/SI
12:00	NBC Nightly News	9:00	Headline News
12:35	Judge Judy	9:30	Air Force TV News
1:00	AFN Special: In My Sister’s Shadow (TV-PG)	10:00	NCAA Football (ABC)
3:05	Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries	1:30	Family Movie: Rip Girls (TV-G)
3:30	Disney’s The Little Mermaid	3:30	Wild Things (TV-PG)
4:00	Moesha (TV-PG)	4:30	AFN Special: World’s Deadliest Volcanoes
4:30	Sabrina, The Teenage Witch (TV-G)	5:30	Computer Chronicles
5:00	Jeopardy	6:00	Headline News
5:30	Headline News	6:30	ESPNNews
6:00	Pacific Report	7:00	7th Heaven (TV-G)
6:33	CNN/SI	8:00	Primetime Movie: Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (TV-PG)
7:00	Futurama (TV-PG)	10:00	Seinfeld (TV-14)
7:30	The Hughleys (TV-PG)	10:30	The Drew Carey Show (TV-PG)
8:00	Star Trek: Voyager (TV-PG)	11:00	Meet The Press
9:00	Law and Order (TV-14)	Monday	
10:00	Pacific Report	12:00	America’s Black Forum
10:35	Tonight Show with Jay Leno	12:30	Walker, Texas Ranger (TV-PG)
11:35	Late Show with David Letterman	1:30	ESPNNews
Tuesday			
12:35	ESPNNews	2:00	NFL Sunday (FOX)
1:05	Movies ’til Dawn: Stalag 17 (TV-PG)	3:00	NFL (FOX) Teams TBD
3:20	Movies ’til Dawn: Flashdance (TV-PG)	6:00	NFL (FOX) Teams TBD
5:00	Headline News	9:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)
5:30	ESPNNews	10:00	Little Bear
6:00	Today	10:30	Wheel Of Fortune
8:00	Today II	11:00	Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
9:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	12:00	Headline News
10:00	Barney and Friends	12:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)
10:30	Wheel Of Fortune	1:00	Port Charles (TV-14)
11:00	Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	1:25	Guiding Light (TV-14)
12:00	NBC Nightly News	2:15	General Hospital (TV-14)
12:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	3:05	Disney’s PB&J Otter (TV-Y)
1:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	3:30	Disney’s Pepper Ann
1:25	Guiding Light (TV-14)	4:00	Bill Nye The Science Guy
2:15	General Hospital (TV-14)	4:30	Cousin Skeeter (TV-Y)
3:05	Hey! Arnold (TV-Y)	5:00	Jeopardy!
3:30	Beakman’s World (TV-Y7)	5:30	Headline News
4:00	Nick News	6:00	Pacific Report
4:30	Scholastic Sports America (TV-G)	6:33	CNN/SI
5:00	Jeopardy!	7:00	60 Minutes
5:30	Headline News	8:00	Touched By An Angel (TV-PG)
6:00	Pacific Report	9:00	The West Wing (TV-14)
6:33	NFL Monday Night Football Chiefs at Patriots	10:00	Pacific Report
10:00	Pacific Report	Wednesday	
10:35	Tonight Show with Jay Leno	12:35	ESPNNews
11:35	Late Show with David Letterman	1:05	Movies ’til Dawn: White Christmas (TV-PG)
Thursday			
12:35	ESPNNews	3:15	Movies ’til Dawn: Almost an Angel (TV-PG)
1:05	Movies ’til Dawn: Spy Who Came In From The Cold (TV-PG)	5:00	Headline News
3:30	Movies ’til Dawn: Blind Spot (TV-PG)	5:30	ESPNNews
5:00	Headline News	6:00	Today
5:30	ESPNNews	8:00	Today II
6:00	Today	9:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)
8:00	Today II	10:00	Barney & Friends
9:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	10:30	Wheel Of Fortune
10:00	Barney & Friends	11:00	Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
10:30	Wheel Of Fortune	12:00	NBC Nightly News
11:00	Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	12:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)
12:00	NBC Nightly News	1:00	Port Charles (TV-14)
12:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	1:25	Guiding Light
1:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	2:15	General Hospital (TV-14)
1:25	Guiding Light	3:05	Rugrats
2:15	General Hospital (TV-14)	3:30	Arthur (TV-Y)
3:05	Rugrats	4:00	Pokemon (TV-Y)
3:30	Arthur (TV-Y)	4:30	Max Steel (TV-Y7)
4:00	Pokemon (TV-Y)	5:00	Jeopardy!
4:30	Max Steel (TV-Y7)	5:30	Headline News
5:00	Jeopardy!	6:00	Pacific Report
5:30	Headline News	6:33	CNN/SI
6:00	Pacific Report	7:00	AFN Special: Frosty the Snowman
6:33	CNN/SI	7:30	The Parkers (TV-PG)
7:00	AFN Special: Frosty the Snowman	8:00	Will And Grace (TV-14)
7:30	The Parkers (TV-PG)	8:30	Spin City (TV-PG)
8:00	Will And Grace (TV-14)	9:00	City Of Angels (TV-14)
8:30	Spin City (TV-PG)	10:00	Pacific Report
9:00	City Of Angels (TV-14)	10:35	Tonight Show with Jay Leno
10:00	Pacific Report	11:35	Late Show with David Letterman
10:35	Tonight Show with Jay Leno	Friday	
11:35	Late Show with David Letterman	12:35	ESPNNews
Saturday			
12:35	ESPNNews	1:05	Movies ‘til Dawn: To Catch A Thief (TV-PG)
1:00	Movies Till Dawn: The Godfather (TV-PG)	3:25	Movies ‘til Dawn: The Bad News Bears (TV-PG)
4:30	America’s Funniest Home Videos	5:00	Headline News
5:00	Today	5:30	ESPNNews
7:00	Franklin (TV-Y)		
7:30	Arthur (TV-Y)		
8:00	Disney’s Recess (TV-G)	Find additional TV schedules and sports teams names at www.ivakuni.usmc.mil .	
8:30	Rocket Power (TV-Y)		
9:00	Pokemon		
9:30	In The Mix		
10:00	Discover Magazine		
11:00	HomeTime (TV-PG)		
11:30	California’s Gold		
12:00	NBC Nightly News		
12:30	Navy/Marine Corps News		
1:00	Sports (TD)		
4:00	WWF Superstars (TV-14)		
5:00	Entertainers		
6:00	Headline News		
6:30	ESPNNews		
7:00	Stargate SG-1 (TV-PG)		
8:00	Once And Again (TV-PG)		
9:00	20/20		
10:00	Headline News		

Sakura Theater

Friday
7 p.m. Meet the Parents
10 p.m. Men of Honor

Saturday
4 p.m. Meet the Parents
7 p.m. Men of Honor
10 p.m. Lost Souls

Sunday
4 p.m. Meet the Parents
7 p.m. Lost Souls

Monday
7 p.m. Men of Honor

Tuesday
7 p.m. Meet the Parents

Wednesday
7 p.m. Lost Souls

Thursday
Closed

Meet the Parents
Rated PG-13 for sexual content, drug references and language. (108 minutes)
Ben Stiller is the unfortunately named Greg Focker, a neurotic nurse intent on marrying his girlfriend Pam. But when the couple visits Pam’s family home for her sister’s wedding, he must first win the approval of her father, Jack (Robert Deniro), a protective ex-CIA agent. Before long the awkward Greg and the suspicious Jack go head-to-head.

Men of Honor
Rated R for language (128 minutes)
The true story of Carl Brashear (Cuba Gooding Jr.), who was the first African American to become a master diver in the Navy. A serious film about the way that two men helped each other overcome such daunting challenges as racism, physical impairment, and the cagey rules of the military system. Tenured master diver Billy Sunday (Robert Deniro) is simultaneously the most vicious adversary and most loyal supporter of Brashear’s, motivating him to succeed.

Lost Souls
Rated R for violence/terror and language (102 minutes)
Two thousand years ago, priests exorcised a demon out of young Maya Larkin (Winona Ryder). Now she uses her unusual sensitivity of the same demons who once came after her to help the priests in other exorcisms. In one such case, a serial killer claims to know the name of a man who will soon be possessed by Satan, beginning a reign of evil over the world.

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. or comments can be directed to **MCCS** at 253-4003.

Iwakuni’s Theaters

Kokusai:
Dec. 1 - Dec. 8
“Space Cowboys” - 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., (Sat. only) 10:30 p.m.
“Bedazzled” - 12:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., (Sat. only) 8:45 p.m.

New Central I:
Dec. 1 - Dec. 9
“Charlie’s Angels” - 11:15 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 3:05 p.m., 5 p.m., 6:55 p.m., (Sat. only) 8:50 p.m.

New Central II:
Dec. 1 - Dec. 9
“The Exorcist: Director’s Cut” - 10 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m., (Sat. only) 10:45 p.m.
“Shaft” - 12:30 p.m., 4:40 p.m., (Sat. only) 9 p.m.

New Central III:
Dec. 2
“Vertical Limit”
4:30 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 9:10 p.m.

Classified Ads

Vehicles for sale

—1984 Mercedes Benz 190E sedan, black body, lowered w/BBS ground effects, three sets of seat covers, power windows, side mirrors, steering and door locks, no JCI, \$1,500/obo. Call Jesse Gregorio at 253-4619 dwh or 253-3563 awb.

—1985 Toyota Trueno, 2-door compact, A/C, power side mirrors, custom steering wheel, racing pedals, new NGK wiring, JCI till December 2000, \$500. Call Jesse Gregorio at 253-4619 dwh or 253-3563 awb.

—1989 Toyota Carina, 4-door, power windows, power locks, JCI till April 2002, \$1,000/obo. Call Sgt. Gary Denson at 253-4696 dwh or 253-2088 awb.

—1989 Toyota Chaser, sedan, JCI till February 2001, \$1,500. Call Sean G. Kim Han at 253-4966 dwh or 31-8424 awb.

—1989 Honda Conceirto, 4-door, JCI till March 2002, \$1,600/obo. Call Heather Dixon at 253-2309.

—1990 Nissan Skyline, 4-door, JCI till July 2001, \$1,500/obo. Call Heather Dixon at 253-2309.

—1990 Mitsubishi Delica, 4WD, 2,400cc gasoline engine, 5-speed, auto locking hubs, two-tone blue/white and grey/black interior, 8-pass, dual A/C and heater, Kenwood AM/FM cassette, CD w/five-disc changer, color TV, aluminum roof rack, aluminum pushbar bumper w/cibie fog lamps, JCI till September 2002, \$3,900. Call Irvin Fleming at 253-3634 dwh or 21-7915 awb.

—1990 Honda Vigar, 4-door, sunroof, auto, PS/PW, cruise control, new CD player, JCI till June 2001, \$1,300. Call C.E. Lovely at 253-6904 dwh or 253-2795 awb.

—1990 Toyota Lite Ace, truck, 2-door 1,500cc gasoline engine, auto, A/C, all power, AM/FM cassette, sliding rear window, two-tone blue/silver, 16-inch aluminum low-profile rims/tires, w/extra set of mud/snow mounted tires and original tires (mounted), JCI till October 2001, \$2,500. Call Irvin Fleming at 253-3634 dwh or 21-7915 awb.

—1998 Suzuki Wagon R-FX-T, 5-door, 660cc, turbo, auto w/ overdrive, maroon metallic red, blue/grey interior, all power, AM/FM cassette, still under manufacturer's warranty, aluminum sport rims, 12,600 kilometers, JCI till April 2001, \$7,500. Call Irvin Fleming at 253-3634 dwh or 21-7915 awb.

Motorcycle for sale

—1997 Honda American Classic, 750cc, excellent condition, \$3,500. Call Sean G. Kim Han at 253-4966 dwh or 21-8424 awb.

Other items for sale

—Large 4-piece living room set, \$200, Dining table w/ 4-chairs, \$100, Lexmark Ink Jet Printer, \$50. Call Maxine at 253-2393.

—Japanese Kimono dolls w/ cases, Kokeshi dolls, Japanese obento boxes. Call Tony at 253-3004 dwh or 31-8469 awb.

—Sony receiver, STR-DE705, 5-channel, 110w per channel, \$200. Call Jamie at 253-3164 dwh or 253-5774 awb.

—Yamaha amplifier, DSP-A2, 7-channel power amplification, main 100w +100w, center 100w, rear 100w+100w, front effect 25w+25w, 36 surround programs, four months old, \$700. Call Jamie at 253-5774 dwh or 253-3169 awb.

—Kerosene heater, \$30. Call 253-2106 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

—Kerosene space heater, for off-base housing, used only once, \$130. Call Linda at 253-3278 dwh.

MCCS Job Listing

—The MCAS Iwakuni Retired Activities Office (RAO) has an immediate opening for a volunteer Administrative Assistant. The RAO provides an invaluable service to the Iwakuni community by providing caring and continued service to our fellow Marines, Sailors and their families in their retirement years. Through the RAO, retirees and local commanders communicate quality of life issues and together work to ensure that the services and benefits to which they are entitled are provided. Typical duties involve researching references, compiling information, formulating ideas, organizing files, preparing newsletters, and other similar functions. Basic administrative and customer assistance skills are essential. Experience in MS Office 97 and MS Publisher are helpful and professional training is available. This position offers a flexible work schedule with no minimum hours and free childcare is available. If you enjoy working with others and are interested in helping Iwakuni's retired

military community, contact the RAO Director, Mr. Ken Runyan at 253-3571 or visit our office located in Building 411, Room 201.

(The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel:)

—Nail Technician, Beauty Shop, NA-06, regular part time.

—Sewing Machine Operator, Tailor Shop, in-house only, NA-06, regular full time.

—Operations Inspector, Security, in-house only, NF-03, regular full time.

—Desk Clerk, Temporary Lodging Facility, NF-01, regular part time.

—Retail Ops Assistant, Auto Mini Mart, NF-02, regular part time.

—Warehouse Foreman, Warehouse, NS-04, regular full time.

—Design Project Assistant, MCCS Design, NF-02, regular full time.

—Retail Area Supervisor, Main Complex, NF-03, regular full time.

—Assistant Club Manager, Club Iwakuni, NF-03, regular full time.

—Recreation Ops Assistant, Teen Center, NF-02, regular full time.

—Waiter/Waitress, Club Iwakuni, NA-03, regular full time and flexible.

—Sales Associate/Cashier, Sound Shop, NF-01, regular full time.

—Sales Associate/Cashier, Main Exchange, NF-01, regular full time and flexible.

—Sales Associate/Cashier, S/S 7 Day Store, NF-01, regular part time.

—Store Worker, Main Exchange, NA-02, regular full time and flexible.

—Sales Associate/Cashier, Auto Mini Mart, NF-01, regular full time, part time and flexible.

—Car Rental/Service Station Attendant, Service Station, NF-01, regular full time.

—Program Assistant, Child Development Center, CC-1, regular full time and flexible.

—Recreation Assistant, NF-02, regular full time and flexible.

—Recreation Attendant, NF-01, regular part time and flexible.

Pick up a job application in the MCCS Personnel Office, Crossroads Mall second floor, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 7:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. or call 253-3030.

HRO Job Openings

(Human Resources Office is currently accepting applications for the following positions:)

—Child Development Education Specialist, GS-1701-9/11, open until filled.

—Meat cutter Leader, WL-7407-07, open until filled.

—Materials Handler Leader, WL-6907-05, open until filled.

—Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor(s), open until filled.

—Hazardous Waste Disposer, WG-6913-06, open until filled.

—Mechanical Engineer, GS-0830-12, open until filled.

—Child Development Center Director, GS-1701-09, open until filled.

—Child Development Education Specialist, GS-1701-07, open until filled.

—Interdisciplinary (Psychologist/Social Worker), GS-018X-11, open until filled.

—Training Analyst (NAF), GS-1702-09, open until filled.

—Secretary (OA), GS-318-07, open until filled.

—Office Automation Clerk, GS-326-04, open until Monday.

—Victim Advocate, GS-101-09, open until filled.

—Cable Splicer Supervisor (Communication), WS-2504-07, open until filled.

—Safety and Occupational Health Specialist, GS-018-11, open until filled.

To submit your ads or announcement ...

Torii Teller accepts ads/announcement for nonprofit organizations and groups only. Briefs run on space-available and time-priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Thursday. Torii Teller reserves the right to edit to fit space. To submit, stop by Building 360, Room 7 to fill out a form.

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Non judicial punishment:

On Nov. 21, a sergeant was awarded NJP for violation of the UCMJ Article 89, disrespect toward superior commissioned officer; Article 91, insubordinate conduct to a staff noncommissioned officer, two violations of Article 92, failure to obey an order or regulation; Article 108, damage to military property, and two violations of Article 134, drunk and disorderly, and indecent language. The Marine was awarded a reduction to private, forfeiture of \$465 pay per month for two months, 45 days restriction and 45 days extra duty.

What's cooking at the Messhalls ...

Friday

Lunch: Barbecue Beef Cubes, French Fried Fish Portions
Dinner: Turkey Pot Pie, Meat Loaf

Saturday

Dinner Brunch: Chicken Vega, Roast Pork

Sunday

Dinner Brunch: Honey Glazed Rock Cornish Hens, Pepper Steak

Monday

Lunch: Veal Parmesan, Sauerbraten
Dinner: Creole Shrimp, Yakisoba

Tuesday

Lunch: Baked Fish, Turkey A La King
Dinner: Meat Loaf, Breaded Pork Steaks

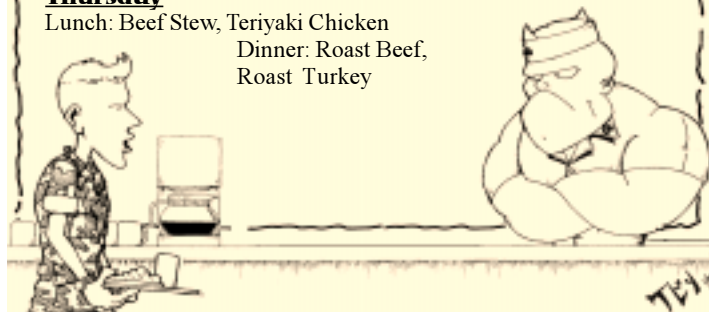
Wednesday

Lunch: Chili Con Carne, Beef Burrito, Beef and Chicken Fajitas, Tacos

Dinner: Pork Adobo, Swiss Steak with Mushroom Gravy

Thursday

Lunch: Beef Stew, Teriyaki Chicken
Dinner: Roast Beef, Roast Turkey



Weekend's Weather

Today



Saturday



Sunday



Monday



Tide Table

	Low tide		High tide	
	Time	Size	Time	Size
Dec. 1	5:57 a.m.	1.58	12:42 p.m.	9.93
	6:39 p.m.	4.73	---	---
Dec. 2	6:33 a.m.	2.27	12:12 a.m.	8.18
	7:27 p.m.	5.11	1:24 p.m.	9.41
Dec. 3	7:21 a.m.	3.02	1 a.m.	7.64
	8:27 p.m.	5.34	2:12 p.m.	8.90
Dec. 4	8:15 a.m.	3.74	1:54 a.m.	7.11
	9:45 p.m.	5.22	3:18 p.m.	8.54
Dec. 5	9:33 a.m.	4.23	3:18 a.m.	6.81
	11:15 p.m.	4.58	4:42 p.m.	8.50
Dec. 6	11:08 a.m.	4.29	5:12 a.m.	7.14
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Dec. 7	12:56 a.m.	2.51	6:29 a.m.	8.01
	12:20 p.m.	3.96	6:35 p.m.	9.14

Education



Test Schedule

Every Tuesday/Friday

- College Level Examination Program
- DANTES Subject Standardized Test

Dec. 6 - Electronic Data Processing Test

Dec. 7 - Defense Language Proficiency Test
- Defense Language Aptitude Battery

Dec. 11 - Armed Forces Classification Test

Dec. 13 - Act Examination

Dec. 14 - Scholastic Assessment Tests

Testing begins at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sign up 15 minutes prior. There is a fee for civilian personnel but not for service members. For more information call 253-3855.

Total Quality Training Opportunities

Total Quality classes offered:

Dec. 4-8 - Fundamentals of TQ(Japanese)

Dec. 11-15 - Methods for Managing Quality

Dec. 18-20 - Four Roles of Leadership

Anyone is welcome to sign up and take the classes. There is no fee for students. Call 253-4719 or e-mail schnoorm@iwakuni.usmc.mil. Sign up today.

Human Resources Office Classes

Dec. 7 - USCS information seminars. The class will be held in Building 411, Room 115, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Course outlines specific to each session are available at Building 360, Room 30. For more information e-mail gillespiej@iwakuni.usmc.mil.

Community



Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are held Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays and Sundays at 7 p.m. Closed meetings are held each Monday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. All meetings are on the second floor of Building 497. For more information call 43-4814.

Medical Clinic Health Promotions

December's Tobacco Cessation Courses are cancelled, the next course will be Jan. 17, 19, 24 and 26. Cholesterol, nutrition and hypertension counseling will also be on an individual basis by calling the Branch Medical Clinic at 253-3266.

Child Development

For concerns about your child's development, contact the Early Childhood Office at 253-4562, for children up to 3 years old, EDIS and M.C. Perry School at 253-3447, for children ages 3 to 5 years old.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is offering tuition assistance for Term III at University of Maryland and Central Texas College, to spouses of Navy and Marine Corps personnel. Paper-

work and interview must be completed by Thursday. Bring a current LES, identification card and completed paperwork to the interview. For more information call 253-5311.

Marine Corps Community Services

Extended Shopping

The Marine Corps Exchange has extended shopping hours until 9 p.m., Fridays through Dec. 22. Customers are reminded to redeem Santa Bucks now through Dec. 24.

Coloring Contest

The library will hold a coloring contest for children up to 18 years old. For more information come to the library, third floor of the Community Services Building. The contest ends Dec. 17.

Tree Lighting

The annual Festival of Lights tree lighting event takes place tonight at 7 p.m., at the Cherry Blossom triangle near the commissary. The evening's activities include entertainment, refreshments, and the chance to win prizes, including one round-trip ticket to anywhere in the United States American Airlines flies (except Hawaii). Entry forms and boxes may be found throughout the air station; enter by noon today. Only one entry per person; must be 18 or older to win.

Interpreters Needed

The Personal Services Division Intervention and Treatment Branch's Counseling Center needs volunteer interpreters for Japanese-speaking clients who are not fluent in English. Call 253-6962 to volunteer.

Star Card

The MCCS Service Station now accepts the Star Card.

Canopy Construction

Construction on a canopy for the SNCO Club entrance is under way. There will be some inconvenience to patrons during the construction, as some parking lots will be used for maintenance. The management asks patrons to please watch their step when entering the club.

Murder Mystery

The JENS Murder Mystery Contest runs weekdays through Dec. 15. The contest allows listeners age 18 and older to win prizes by calling the radio station when they hear the Murder Mystery jingle and when they find "evidence" leading to solving the mystery. Call 253-5284.

Midnight Madness

The Marine Corps Exchange will hold Midnight Madness Saturday, 7:30 p.m. until midnight. Shoppers have a chance to win prizes, and the management promises "specials, sales, and holiday fun until the clock strikes midnight." The store will close at 6:30 p.m. to prepare.

Santa's Village

The Marine Corps Exchange offers children age 10 and younger a chance to shop with the assistance of MCCS Sales Associates Saturday,

10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. The village is located near the front of the main store.

Military Pre-retirement Seminar

Military personnel and their spouses anticipating retirement within two years are encouraged to attend this seminar, Monday-Dec. 8, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Community Services Building, Room 217. This seminar is offered only twice a year. Sign up by calling 253-6439.

Time Management

Time Management Seminar will be held Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in the Community Services Building, Room 115. Call 253-3737.

Infant Care Class

The Marine New Parent Support Program will hold a class for new and expectant parents Dec. 11, 12:30-4 p.m.

Teen Snow Dance

Tickets are for sale Dec. 13 at the Teen Center for a holiday dance Dec. 17. Teens age 13-18 may attend.

Art and Photography Contest

Winners of the Youth and Teen art and photography contest will be announced Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., in the Club Iwakuni ballroom. For more information, call 253-6454.

Stress Management

Stress Management Class will be held Dec. 12, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in the Community Services Building, Room 115. For more information call 253-3737.

Chapel Services



Beginning Sunday, all Worship Services will be in the Marine Memorial Center or Chapel Annex.

Chapel News

(1) Chapel Annex (2) Marine Memorial Center

Roman Catholic

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass (2)

Sunday 9 a.m. Mass (2)

Protestant

Saturday 9:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist (1)

Sunday 10 a.m. Church of Christ (2)
10:30 a.m. General Service (2)
noon Gospel Service (2)

Latter Day Saints

Sunday 12:30 p.m. Service (1)

Jewish

Friday 6 p.m. Shabat (2)

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other Command Religious Program/Chapel activity call the station Chapel at 253-5218. For information on Jewish services call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 after 6 p.m. or call the station Chapel.

Sports Briefs

Torii Pines Hours Change

Torii Pines Golf Course hours change Saturday. New hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., weekends and holidays 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The driving range is open 5:30-11 p.m.

Super Duathlon

Start training now for the annual Japanese American Goodwill Super Duathlon, Dec. 9, 9 a.m. The event, a 5-kilometer run, 28-kilometer bike race, followed by a 5-kilometer run, is open to everyone, and volunteers are needed. The deadline to enter is Monday. For more information call 253-5654.

YABA Bowling

Young American Bowling Alliance begins Saturday. For more information call 253-2575.

Okinawa Marathon

The 2001 Okinawa Marathon will take

place Feb. 18, throughout central Okinawa. Applications are being accepted now through Dec. 19. You can download an application form at the marathon's website, www.okinawa-marathon.com.

Harlem Ambassadors

The Harlem Ambassadors basketball will come to the air station Dec. 10 for a show in the Main Gym at 3 p.m. Call 253-4605.

Coaches' Training

Volunteers interested in coaching Youth Basketball should attend coaches' training Tuesday and Wednesday, 5-7 p.m., in the Main Gym. Call 253-3239.

Bowling Tournament

The Southside Lanes will hold an IISBA Tournament Saturday and Sunday. Call 253-4657.

The Scoreboard

Flag Football Playoff

Nov. 22

Chain Gang defeated the Criminals 33-13

Lancers defeated the Warlords 19-13 (OT)

MAG-12 defeated Disbo Ducs, 27-8

Crash Crew defeated the Dragons 28-12

Nov. 25

Seahawks defeated Seaknights, 42-0

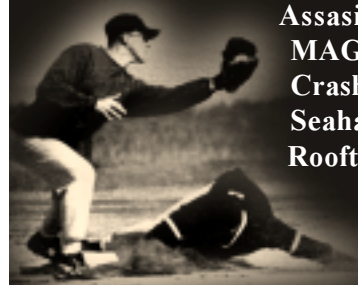
Rooftop defeated the Assassins, 13-6

MAG-12 defeated

Crash Crew, 27-20

Seahawks defeated

Rooftop, 30-6



Japanese. American All-stars entertain international crowd



photo by Sgt. Michael Wiener

Barry Bonds, San Francisco Giants outfielder, steps up to the plate and the jumbo screen at Fukuoka Dome, Nov. 7 in a game against the Japanese all-stars.

by Sgt. Michael Wiener
Media Chief

Even though the Yankees wrapped up their third consecutive World Championship Oct. 26, the baseball season wasn't quite over.

Baseball fans got their last chance to see a game Nov. 7, when Japanese and American all-stars squared off in one of seven exhibition games played in Japan.

With names like Barry Bonds, Omar Vizquel and Kazahiro Sasaki, the game in Fukuoka showcased each country's best in America's pastime.

With solid pitching and defense worthy of a high-light reel, the game ended in a 2-2 tie. The real excitement didn't just come from a close game, however, seeing players of such high caliber battle it out is what brought fans out.

"I really didn't care who won the game," said Ai Yamada, Fukuoka resident and rabid Daiea Hawks fan. "My family just wanted to see the players."

"My favorite player is Sandy Alomar," said her 12-year-old son Yuki. "I've seen him on television before, but this was the first time I really saw him play."

Though mostly Japanese fans filled the stands, a couple of

tourists from Brisbane, Australia, also got into the game.

"We were here on vacation and were offered tickets. So we gladly accepted them," said Jonathon Baker, Australian native. "We were very lucky to get them. After all, it's not every day you get to see a game like this being played."

After the game, fans lined the parking lot hoping to catch a glimpse of some of the players. A few stopped for autographs.

"It's been a great trip," said Albie Lopez, pitcher for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. "The fans here are awesome — very positive and never negative. They've made it a fun series for all of the players."

Lopez said he'd be more than happy to return to Japan next year to play in the same series. Cleats have been hung up for the year, but fans only have to wait four months before action picks up again.

Though not officially announced, the beginning of the 2001 Major League Baseball Season is expected to begin in Tokyo as it did in 2000 when the Mets played the Cubs in a two-game series. The closest baseball for Iwakuni residents will be Hiroshima Civic Stadium, home of the Carp. For ticket information call Information, Tours and Travel, 253-4377.

SNOVA delivers thrills, chills

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At the SNOVA Hiroshima Boarders Arena, there is no need to wait for the winter ski season to arrive in order to hit the slopes. The Single Marine Program recently gave station residents the opportunity to strap into their bindings and enjoy an afternoon of snowboarding at this unique facility. "This trip was actually requested by the Marines," said

Lavonne Lesard, Single Marine Program assistant coordinator and Hornet's Nest manager. "There were a lot of people out there who just couldn't wait to go snowboarding."

With smiles on their faces and snowboards under their arms, the group eagerly made their way into the facility and was amazed by what they saw.

Not only is there a slope, but also various jumps depending on experience, snowboard rentals, lessons, repair shop, and an eating gallery, allowing visitors to come in from the cold and enjoy a hot snack.

"This place is really cool, it's got everything you could think of," said Lance Cpl. Joshua Heinrich, H&HS Crash Crew. "It was good to go snowboarding again, even though it's not cold enough outside."

As the enthusiasts filed onto the beltway, which returns the riders to the top of the slope, they strapped in and waited for their turn to shred.

Although some were more experienced than others, everyone attacked the indoor mountain and had their first taste of winter fun to come — indoors.

"This was my first time snowboarding," said Lesard. "I'm a little bruised up, but I had a great time in there, I will definitely come back and try it again."

Like standing in a giant freezer, the cold air eventually took its toll on the boarders, as many took a break inside the heated eating gallery to thaw out a little. With music jamming from overhead speakers, they watched from the windows above as the people below, slipped and slid their way to the bottom.

"The jumps were the most fun for me," said Heinrich. "You could get some really good air off of it, I was surprised."

Along with the jumps, SNOVA also features quarter pipes on either side of the run, allowing boarders to thrash the lip of the slope on their way down.

Eventually the day wound to an end, and it was time to leave. As everyone gathered back on the bus, talk of big airs and even bigger wipeouts could be heard on the way home.

The SNOVA Hiroshima Boarders Arena is located in Moto-Ujina, Hiroshima, about an hour away from station. The facility is open year round from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays, and 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekends. Prices vary depending on the length of the boarding session. For more information call 082-505-5100.

"I think everyone had a great time, I know I did," said Lesard. "I look forward to getting out here again and learning to shred like some of these other guys."



Joshua Heinrich, H&HS Crash Crew, launches into the air off of the Jam ramp at SNOVA Hiroshima Boarders Arena.



Snowboarders take an escalator to return to the top of the indoor mountain, after each ride down the slope. This allows riders to continuously take turns, without a long wait.

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